



New River Gorge
National River
National Park Service

Ranger Activities



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Join a park ranger for a special activity, walk, or hike. Ranger-led activities provide an opportunity to learn more about the natural world that surrounds us and about the peoples who have shaped our past.

Visitor Information

Canyon Rim Visitor Center

Open Daily, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Telephone: (304) 574-2115

Park Headquarters – Glen Jean

Open Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
Telephone: (304) 465-0508

Thurmond Depot

Open Daily, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Telephone: (304) 465-8550

Grandview Visitor Contact Station

Open Daily, 12:00 NOON to 5:00 PM
Telephone: (304) 763-3715

Sandstone Visitor Center

Open Daily, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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P. O. Box 246
Glen Jean, WV 25846
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Ranger on the Rock

From 6:30PM to 7:45PM nightly except Mondays, experience the superb views from the rim of the gorge at Grandview and the resources of New River Gorge National River. A park ranger has binoculars and brochures to share with those who stop by the Main Overlook for an evening visit and view.

THURSDAY, July 6

10:00 AM Living the “Wild” Life- Canyon Rim
1:30 PM Who’s Taking a Walk in New
River Gorge - Fayette Station

FRIDAY, JULY 7

1:00 PM Riverside Rendezvous -
Fayette Station Road
8:30 PM New River Night Adv- Burnwood

SATURDAY, JULY 8

9:00 AM Grandview Birding- Grandview
10:00AM Bluestone Walk - Pipestem Resort
10:00 AM Nature Walk for Kids - Burnwood
1:00 PM Touch of Coal Mining -
Fayette Station Road
2:00 PM Ranger’s Choice: Snakes! -
Grandview
2:00 PM Strolling Through Thurmond

THURSDAY, JULY 13

10:00 AM Living the “Wild” Life - Canyon Rim
1:30 PM Who’s Taking a Walk in the New
River Gorge - Fayette Station

FRIDAY, JULY 14

10:00 AM Plum Street Stroll - Thurmond
1:00 PM Riverside Rendezvous -
Fayette Station Road

SATURDAY, JULY 15

8:00 AM Birding by Ear- Canyon Rim
10:00 AM Bluestone Walk - Pipestem Resort
1:00 PM Touch of Coal Mining -
Fayette Station Road
2:00 PM Ranger’s Choice: Snakes- Grandview
2:00 PM Touch of Kayaking - Canyon Rim

SUNDAY, JULY 16

8:00 AM Birding by Ear- Canyon Rim
2:00 PM Quilting: An Applachian Art -
Canyon Rim

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THURSDAY, JULY 20

10:00 AM Living the ‘Wild” Life - Canyon Rim
1:00 PM Who’s Taking a Walk- Fayette Sta.

FRIDAY, JULY 21

10:00 AM Plum Street Stroll - Thurmond
1:00 PM Riverside Rendezvous - Fayette Sta Rd.

SATURDAY, JULY 22

9:00 AM Grandview Birding- Grandview
10:00 AM Bluestone Walk - Pipestem Resort
2:00 PM Ranger’s Choice: Speed to Feed-
the Peregrine Falcon - Grandview
7:30 PM Birding in the Evening -Burnwood

MONDAY, JULY 24

8:00 PM Grandview Night Hike- Grandview

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

9:00 AM Bluestone Turnpike Hike -
Pipestem Resort State Park

THURSDAY, JULY 27

1:00 PM That Ain’t No Tall Tale!- Fayette Sta.

FRIDAY, JULY 28

9:00 AM Wildflower Roadside Ramble -
Grandview Sandbar Campground
1:00 PM Riverside Rendezvous - Fayette Sta Rd.
8:30 PM New River Night Adv- Burnwood

SATURDAY, JULY 29

8:00 AM Birding by the Bridge - Burnwood
10:00 AM Bluestone Walk - Pipestem Resort
2:00 PM Ranger’s Choice: Bats! - Grandview
2:00 PM Lost in the Woods - Canyon Rim

SUNDAY, JULY 30

2:00 PM Ranger’s Choice : Species in
Danger! - Grandview
2:00 PM Quilting: An Art- Canyon Rim

Program Descriptions

For All Hikes

Bring water and wear comfortable walking or hiking shoes. Cameras and binoculars can also be handy.



Birding by Ear on the Rim

2 Hours

Join in a morning of identifying birds by their song. Meet at *Canyon Rim Visitor Center* and caravan to different birding habitats for a leisurely Saturday stroll. You will hear more birds than you will see. From the Eastern Towhee’s “drink your tea” to the Ovenbird’s “teacher, teacher,” learning bird songs opens up a new birding dimension. Binoculars and field guides are welcome; wear comfortable shoes and bring drinking water.

Birding by the Bridge

2 Hours - 1 Mile

Spend the morning looking and listening for birds of the area and learning about critical bird habitat. Meet at *Burnwood Day Use Area* across US 19 from Canyon Rim Visitor Center.

Birding in the Evening

1 Hour - 1 Mile

Join in a guided walk to listen for the Wood Thrush’s flute-like song as night settles on the rim of the New River Gorge. Meet at *Burnwood Day Use Area* across US 19 from Canyon Rim Visitor Center.

Bluestone Walk

Blueston National Scenic River

1½ hours – 2 Miles

Meet a Ranger at the bottom of the tramway at Pipestem Resort State Park to walk along the *Bluestone River* for one mile and return. Along the way, enjoy the flora and fauna of the area and discuss regional history. Bring good walking shoes, drinking water, and \$1.75 for the return tram ride.

Bluestone Turnpike Hike

4 to 5 Hours - 10 Miles

Take a walk on the wild side! Meet a ranger at the bottom of the tramway at Pipestem Resort State Park to hike through *Bluestone National Scenic River*. The hike ends at Bluestone State Park and a shuttle will be provided for the return trip; take advantage of this great opportunity to explore. Bring sturdy hiking shoes, a lunch, and plenty of water.

Grandview Birding

1 1/2 Hours - 1 Mile

Join a ranger for a morning of birding through the many habitats that Grandview has to offer. Meet at *Grandview Contact Station*.

Grandview Night Hike

2 1/2 Hours - 1 Mile

Look and listen as you travel along a trail at night! The forest is a wondrous place in the dark! Meet at *Grandview Contact Station*.

Living the “Wild” Life

Anytime between 10:00 and 11:30 am

Stop by an interactive table at *Canyon Rim Visitor Center* to learn more about the animals that live in the gorge. Touch their pelts, see an owl pellet, and identify special characteristics that help animals to survive in the “wild.”

Lost in the Woods

1 1/2 Hours - 1/2 Mile

Have you ever been lost in the woods? Meet in the theater at *Canyon Rim Visitor Center* to learn skills and strategies for surviving in the woods. This short video presentation and skills walk is ideal for all ages.

Nature Walk for Kids

1 1/2 Hours - 1 Mile

Learn about the plants and animals that live in the New River Gorge. This program may help children to complete the Junior Ranger

Activity Book. Meet at Laing Loop Trailhead across

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US 19 from Canyon Rim Visitor Center.

New River Night Adventure

2 Hours - 1 Mile

Whoo, whoo... who is brave enough to join in a night hike along the Laing Loop Trail? Night is a special time in the forest... learn why and solve some of the mysteries of what is all around you in the dark. Wear good shoes and bring a flashlight, bug spray, and your sense of adventure. Meet at *Burnwood Day Use Area*, across US 19 from Canyon Rim Visitor Center.

Plum Street Stroll

1/2 Hour - 1/2 Mile

Take a stroll through downtown Thurmond to learn more about this legendary railroad town. Meet at *Thurmond Depot*.

Quilting: An Appalachian Art

Anytime between 2:00 and 4:00 pm

Come spend some time at *Canyon Rim Visitor Center* and learn about the history and importance of Appalachian-style quilting. A park ranger will demonstrate old and new quilting techniques.

Ranger’s Choice

Anytime between 2:30 and 4:00pm

Stop by the *Main Overlook at Grandview* to see displays and discuss topics ranging from fishing and water safety to birds or snakes. At this informal program, stay as little or as long as you like.

Riverside Rendezvous

Anytime between 1:00 and 3:00 pm

Are you planning a trip down *Fayette Station Road*? If so, stop at the bottom of the gorge to learn more about the park while enjoying the sights and sounds of the river. Cross Fayette Station Bridge, pull into the first parking lot on the right, and join the ranger down by the river.

Strolling Through Thurmond

1 Hour - 1/2 Mile

Take a walk through the historic district of Thurmond, West Virginia, with a ranger and learn the importance of this once-bustling

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railroad town. Meet at *Thurmond Depot*.

That Ain’t No Tall Tale!

Anytime between 1:00 and 3:00 pm

One ranger has the real story of the New River Gorge in the bag and that ain’t no lie. Join in at *Fayette Station* to hear some amazing stories. Drive down Fayette Station Road, cross the bridge, pull into the first parking lot on the right, and join the ranger down by the river.

Touch of Coal Mining

Anytime between 1:00 and 3:00 pm

A ranger will be at *Kaymoor/Wolf Creek Trailhead on Fayette Station Road* to tell stories about early coal mining in the New River Gorge. Discover what happened to the mines, towns, and people of this unique area.

Touch of Kayaking

Anytime between 2:00 and 4:00pm

Stop by Canyon Rim Visitor Center for an interactive demonstration about kayaking.

Who’s Taking a Walk in New River Gorge?

Anytime between 1:00 and 3:00 pm

See if you can match an animal to its track to learn what creatures walk in the gorge. Drive down *Fayette Station Road*, cross the bridge, pull into the first parking lot on the right, and join the ranger down by the river.

Wildflower Roadside Ramble

2 1/2 Hours - 1 Mile

See what is blooming in the New River Gorge. Walk near the river and enjoy and identify many plants of the area. Bring a field guide if you have one, and meet at the parking area at *Grandview Sandbar Campground*.